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SUBJECT: (C) TERRORISM FINANCE: EU CLEARINGHOUSE TO
CONSIDER LTTE DESIGNATION ON MAY 18

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Classified By: Economic Counselor Sandra Clark for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C/NF) Ben Lyon (please protect) of the FCO's Counterterrorism Policy Department said that the Austrian Presidency has decided to hold a snap meeting of the EU Clearinghouse on Thursday, May 18. The meeting was originally scheduled for either June 12 or 14 (ref A). Lyon said that he understood that a possible EU designation of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) would be the key agenda item.

[1](#)2. (C/NF) Lyon added that many suspected that the Austrian Presidency was acting "in cahoots with" the Swedish. By moving the Clearinghouse date up, the Austrians and the Swedish are hoping to limit the ability of interested countries to lobby EU members to support the designation. Lyon reiterated that, in order to secure an EU designation, Nordic countries must be convinced to support the designation (refs A and C).

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